



MONTEREY NEWS

MARCH 1990



TOWN NEWS

Access Ramp for Town Hall

The Board of Selectmen has been working on a project to provide an access ramp into the Town Hall for the handicapped. Local architect Robert McMahon was hired and instructed to design a concrete access ramp. Bids for the concrete ramp were opened January 22, 1990. The lowest bid was \$16,356.00 from Emerson Contractors, Inc., of Pittsfield. At this time the Selectmen realized that a concrete ramp would not be economically feasible and asked Mr. McMahon to come up with an alternate design for a wooden ramp that would be within budget (which at this point is \$8,979.46). On February 5, 1990, Mr. McMahon made a presentation at the Selectmen's meeting to both the Selectmen and Grange members. Mr. McMahon described his plans and invited Grange members to go down into the basement where he could show them how his design would impact the building. Grange members approved of the plan for a wooden handicap access ramp as presented by Mr. McMahon.

Selectman Matt Williams moved that the design for the wooden ramp be accepted, this was seconded by Selectman Rick Mielke and unanimously approved by the Board. The specifications for the ramp project are at the Town Hall for interested carpenters and builders. The bids for the project will be opened at the March 5 Selectmen's meeting.

Dump Stickers

The Selectmen voted to eliminate the extra dump sticker fee for some of the small businesses in town. Selectman Mielke abstained from the vote as he has a small business. It was felt by the Selectmen that individuals who operate a business from their home, such as a lawyer or an accountant, for example, do not generate enough extra waste to warrant the extra sticker. This does not include the Monterey General Store or the Roadside Store or any comparable establishment.

Building Permits

David Dempsey had a Building Permit Application approved for the construction of a new single-family dwelling on his Pixley Road property. Linda Marsh had a Building Permit Application approved for the construction of two single-family dwelling units on lots 5A and 5B on Route 23 opposite the old Avalon School property. Tom E. Andrus was granted a renewal of two permits to operate Precision Autocraft on Route 23 and A & A Used Cars.

New Town Hall Feasibility

In the ongoing Town Hall Feasibility Study Chairman of Selectmen Rick Mielke has enlisted the aid of Jed Lipsky to

help him perform perc tests on an 11-acre parcel behind Greene Park which is owned by the Town. Mr. Mielke asked Highway Superintendent Don Amstead if it would be possible to use Town employees to clear and burn some brush for easier access to perc test sites. Mr. Amstead approved the request.

Recycling

The Selectmen met with Berkshire CleanWay representative Dave Morgan. To date Monterey has had eight tons of recyclable material trucked to the recycling facility (MRF) in Springfield at a cost of \$320.00 (\$160.00 per load). Had this garbage been brought to a conventional landfill it would have cost \$69.50 a ton to dump with no possibility of recycling. The Town of Monterey has realized a savings of \$240.00 and has the satisfaction of a positive ecological and economic contribution.

Board of Assessors

New phone number: 528-6481.

— Maggie Leonard



SUSAN McALLESTER

MONTEREY LIBRARY NOTES

During the month of March, the Monterey Library is sponsoring a reading-discussion series to which all area residents are invited. The series, entitled "Heroines, Heroes and Heroisms," is being funded by the Massachusetts Foundation for Humanities and Public Policy. Participants will read and discuss four books illustrating the theme. The programs will be held on Monday evenings during March at 7:00 p.m. in the Monterey Library.

Each program will include a short presentation by a scholar of literature and discussion in one or more small groups. The first program, on Monday, March 5, will be on *The Epic of Gilgamesh*. The speaker will be Marion Copeland of Holyoke Community College. Participants in the Monterey Library's previous discussion series "Crime and the Cultural Landscape" will remember her outstanding presentation on *Shroud for a Nightingale* two summers ago.

The schedule for the remainder of the series is as follows:

March 12

The Odyssey of Homer, presented by Prof. George Dimock of Smith College.

March 19

Antigone by Sophocles, presented by John Higgins of The Gilbert School.

March 26

St. Joan by George Bernard Shaw, presented by teacher and columnist Richard Nunley of Berkshire Community College.

Participants, who need not be from Monterey, may attend one, several or all of the programs. Paperback copies of the books are available for loan at The Monterey Library. All programs are free and open to the public. For more information and to register and obtain books, call The Monterey Library at 528-3795. The response to date has been tremendous; only a few sets of books are left, so hurry down to the library.

The library's now traditional winter film series was a great success this year. I think that it was the best we have ever had. Attendance and interest were both up from previous years, and for the first time we had a consistently large group of children in the peanut gallery—or rather the popcorn gallery.

— John Higgins
Chairman, Library Trustees

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CHURCH NEWS

As I began my preparations for the Lenten season I came across the following questions—questions that are most appropriate for this forty-day period prior to Easter. How would you respond?

1. When you look at your face in the mirror, what do you see in it that you most like and what do you see in it that you most deplore?
2. If you had only one last message to leave the handful of people who are most important to you, what would it be in twenty-five words or less?
3. Of all the things you have done in your life, which is the one you would most like to undo? Which is the one that makes you happiest to remember?
4. Is there any person in the world, or any cause that, if circumstances called for it, you would be willing to die for?
5. If this were the last day of your life, what would you do with it?

Lent is a time for us to address these types of questions because the honest answers tell us something about ourselves. We may not always like the answer we give, but it is a true indication of who we are and what we're becoming. These are some of the questions we'll be asking in our lenten worship beginning this month. On March first we'll also be starting a new Bible Study series on Thursday mornings, 9:30 a.m., at Eric and Hedy Craven's house. On Sundays (beginning March 4) we'll initiate an informal sharing group after worship at 11:15 a.m. Interested? Call the church office (528-5850) for further details.

May this Lenten season lead you to significant insights as you wrestle with the weighty questions of life.

— Cliff Aerie

Church Calendar of Events

Thursdays: 9:30 a.m., Bible Study at the Cravens' house.
Sundays: 11:15 a.m. Informal Sharing Group at the church.
Tuesday, March 6: 7:00 a.m. Prayer Breakfast at Walter Andersen and Alice Howell's house.
Thursday, March 15: 7:30 a.m. Friends of Silence at Walter Andersen and Alice Howell's house.



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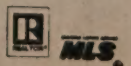
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Pine siskin (*carduelis pinus*)

SISKINS: WINTER VISITANTS

Every morning our feeder is overrun by a bunch of militant little zebras with wings, flashing bits of yellow among the stripes, cursing and beaking each other for a few seeds. These are the pine siskins; they come by the tens, by the hundreds, sweeping along in an undulating flock and descending upon some source of seeds. Sometimes there are so many our feeder won't hold them all and they spill over into a little hemlock nearby which is, this year, loaded with cones. The flock lights near the top and works its way down, yanking open the cones, sending tiny pale flakes flying like snow. When they get to the bottom they zoom off again, bunching and separating, bunching and separating, making hoarse little buzzing noises.

The siskins' behavior in the birdfeeder is so belligerent that they have stood off all other species of birds and two colors of squirrels. Sometimes our freaky white-breasted nuthatches come along and do their zombie act at the siskins, tucking their heads down and their tails up with their wings held out and then swaying and bobbing eerily. The siskins just laugh at them and keep on cursing and beaking (and eating).

What we are experiencing this year is a siskin "irruption." This is another biology word like "visitant." Both of them mean pretty much what you would expect. Winter visitants basically breed north of here and come south for the winter. When lots and lots of them come it's an irruption, probably prompted by a year or two of good foraging farther north, then a poor year up there which sends them down after southern seeds. Sometimes siskins who have been this far south for the winter wind up staying for the breeding season. They build shallow, saucer-like nests anywhere from three to fifty feet up in a tree and lay four or five eggs.

The female chooses the nest site, builds the nest, and also does all the incubating. When the eggs hatch, the young are bald and blind and helpless. Siskins have "altricial young," which means they need much parental care. At hatching they have relatively small brains, compared with ducks and chickens which have large brains. These species are "precocial," and the females put their energies into building up energy-rich eggs so the babies can have big brains. Siskins and other altricial species put less into their egg yolks and more into caring for their young. The female stays on the nest for a few days after the eggs hatch, and during this time the male brings food for her to feed the babies. After that both parents forage for the young and the result is a rapidly growing brain. By the time the altricial birds are full grown, their brains are relatively

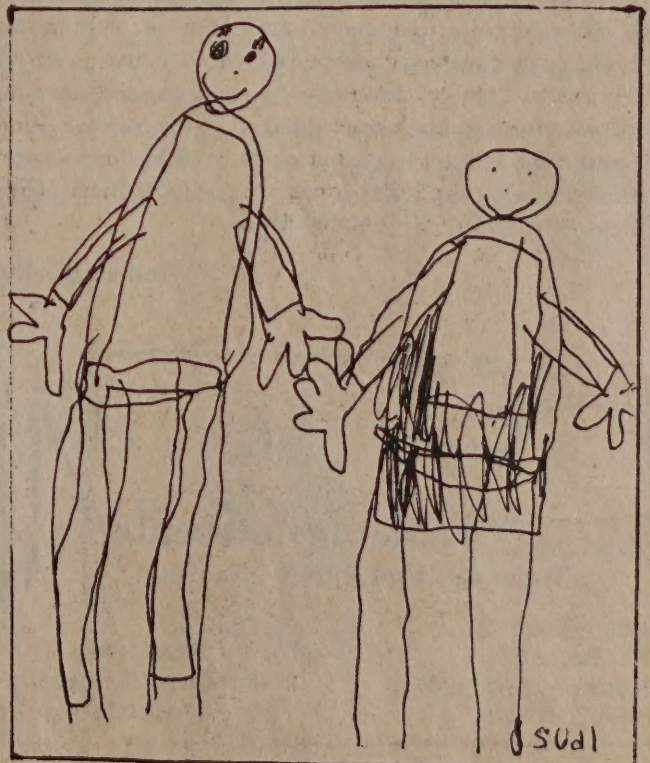
larger than those of the precocial ducks and chickens.

You might think there is a lesson of some kind here, but really the precocial species are just as "successful" as the altricial ones, even though they have relatively smaller brains as adults. Both systems work, and we have yet to see who will inherit the earth. Plenty of wise, big-brained thinkers have intimated that it won't necessarily have anything to do with brains.

Meanwhile, with no thoughts of evolutionary competition and survival, the dapper little siskins are zooming through our woods this year in large numbers. They are about the size of a goldfinch but slimmer, with a more delicate beak. When not part of a huge homogeneous mob, they often go around in mixed flocks with goldfinches, redpolls, crossbills, and chickadees. Mixed flock foraging offers all sorts of advantages to the individual, including safety from predators (some species are better lookouts than others) and less competition for certain kinds of food.

Forbush, in his *Birds of Massachusetts and Other New England States* (1929), gives an account of the pugnacity of siskins when it comes to seeds. A man named Davis, from Leominster, had been feeding a flock of siskins one winter. It was late March, and he had taken to sleeping with his window open (either it was a warm March or people in those days were hardy). Some mornings he slept late, and when this happened the siskins would fly in his window, hop around on his pillow, and pull his hair! If he ignored them they would actually brace backwards and pull harder. They even tweaked his ears and nose. Some of Mr. Davis' siskins, perhaps in readiness for early morning guerrilla tactics, roosted at night on a clothesline in his kitchen. It's enough to make you wonder about the correlation, if any, between brain size and nerve.

— Bonner J. McAllester



3 Joe and Bonner, walking together

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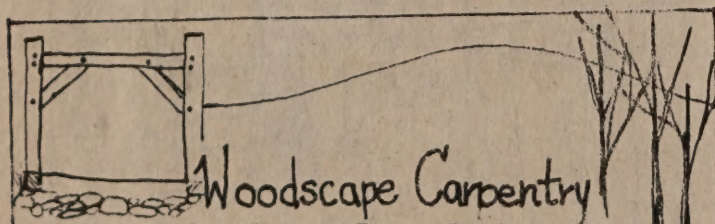
Recently, the Berkshire County Land Trust Alliance held a meeting for the land trusts of Berkshire County. It was a wonderful opportunity to meet members from the other land trusts, to share ideas and hear about projects they are working on. Currently, there are land trusts in Egremont, Monterey, New Marlborough, Richmond, Sheffield, Stockbridge and Williamstown. Becket, Lenox and Great Barrington are working on establishing land trusts of their own. There are many issues of concern we share besides land preservation, such as growth management, affordable housing and environmental quality.

A land trust is not an entity unto itself; the issues and concerns of the community are its concerns. Recycling, zoning, thoughtful development, the quality of life we want for ourselves and our families, are everyone's concerns. A land trust is just part of the entire organization of the community. The meeting we attended reinforced the sense of commitment we all feel for maintaining the beauty and uniqueness of our world. Future meetings are planned for approximately every two months to keep the communication flowing between the land trusts. The meetings will be open to the public if anyone is interested in attending.

Some of you may have seen issues of *Berkshire Green*, which is published by the Berkshire County Land Trust Alliance. It is a great publication, designed to address issues of community development, land use and the environment in Berkshire County. All the land trusts are requested to submit their news and topics of concern; it provides a great insight into what is happening everywhere in the Berkshires.

George Wislocki, Executive Director of Berkshire National Resources Council (BNRC), stressed at the meeting the future need of funds to continue publishing *Berkshire Green*. His suggestion is to have each land trust financially responsible for one issue. *Berkshire Green* will be published quarterly, which will make our financial commitment once every two years. The cost of one issue will be \$6,000.00. If anyone would like to help us support *Berkshire Green*, your contribution would be welcomed and appreciated. If you haven't seen an issue and would like to, please write to *Berkshire Green*, c/o Berkshire National Resources Council, 20 Bank Row, Pittsfield, MA 01201, or call 499-0596.

— Andrea Dunlop



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LOCAL ASSOCIATION APPLIES TO USE HERBICIDES TO CONTROL LAKE WEEDS

On Monday, February 12, Irving Yost, representing the Stevens Lake Homeowners Association, Inc., appeared before the Monterey Conservation Commission to apply for permission to have a firm called Lycott Environmental Research take charge of managing the nuisance aquatic vegetation in Stevens Lake with U. S. EPA-registered and state-approved herbicides and aegicides.

The hearing was attended by five members of the Conservation Commission, five people from the Stevens Lake Homeowners Association, Lee Lyman, president of Lycott Environmental Research, and Matt Williams, Monterey Selectman.

The herbicide which was specified for use in Stevens Lake is called Sonar (chemical name, fluridone), a relatively new one, only four years on the EPA-approved list. It acts on pond weeds by inhibiting a plant's ability to make food. Specifically, fluridone inhibits the synthesis of carotenoids (yellow pigments) in plants. When carotenoid synthesis is inhibited, the chlorophyll is exposed to photodegradation (light from the sun) and is gradually destroyed. As the plant's chlorophyll decreases, so does its capacity to produce carbohydrates through photosynthesis. With growth checked, the target plants slowly deteriorate and die.

According to Lycott's representative, Sonar needs to remain around nuisance plants in high concentrations from eight to ten weeks to be effective.

In literature published by the company which makes Sonar, it is said that the substance exhibits a very low order of toxicity to mammalian species. The length of time necessary for fifty percent of the initial concentration to dissipate from water in which it is applied ranges from five to sixty days, depending upon a number of environmental factors.

There are no label restrictions against swimming or fishing in water treated with Sonar. There are also no label restrictions against drinking water treated with Sonar.

The issue remains under consideration by the Monterey Conservation Commission.

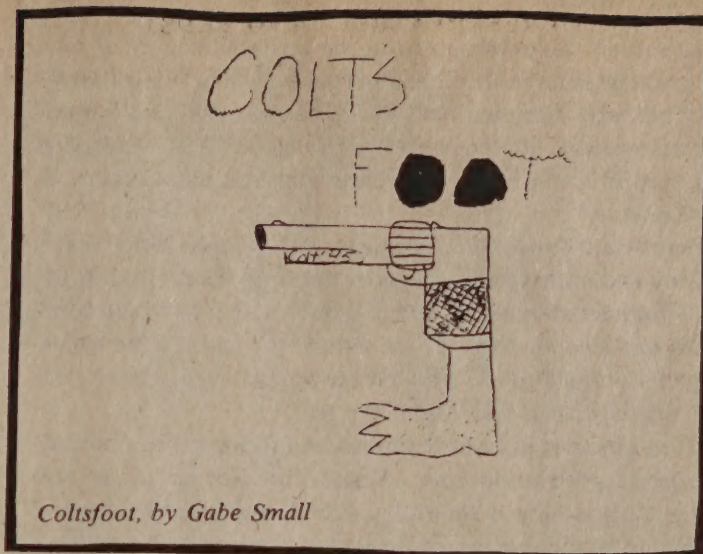
The dam which retains water in Stevens Lake has been identified by the Massachusetts Dam Commission as a "High Hazard Dam." That commission has ordered the Homeowners Association to fix all unstable aspects of the dam by May 1990.

The Monterey Conservation Commission will not allow any chemical treatment of Stevens Lake until it has been assured in an engineer's report that the dam is trustworthy and secure.

Two expressions of concern voiced at the hearing were that of Matt Williams, whose property is downstream of Stevens Lake, and that of Sheldon Fenn, who waters his cattle in the stream below.

An Order of Conditions requesting work on the project will be issued by the Conservation Commission on or about March 5.

— Ellen Pearson



Coltsfoot, by Gabe Small

PERSONAL NOTES

Several Monterey members of Mt. Everett Regional School's Music Department auditioned for, and were selected to participate in, the Massachusetts Music Educators Conference Junior High Band and Chorus events to be held in March. **Marta Makuc** on trombone and choral students **Erin** and **Meghan Sadlowski** and **Jason Farrenkopf** were selected. **Erin Sadlowski** was also selected to participate in the American Choral Directors' Conference Honors Chorus in Washington, DC, on February 17. Great honors! Hats off to all of you!

Hearty congratulations to **Meghan Bradley**, who has been accepted at Northeastern University in Boston, a top choice for her! Meghan is a senior at St. Joseph's High School and plans to enter college this fall. Good job, Meghan—we're excited for you!

Hats off to **Olivia Williams**, daughter of **Matt Williams**, who was named to the Berkshire School's Honor Roll for the second marking period.

And congratulations to **Michelle Grotz**, who was named to the Dean's List at New York University for the fall semester. Michelle, regularly a student at Mt. Holyoke College, is spending her junior year studying in New York. Way to go, Michelle!

And yes, **Tasha Grotz** again makes the news. Congrats to **Natasha**, who has qualified to participate in the 1990 Junior I Olympics. The slalom and giant slalom events will be held at

Mt. Snow and Haystack in Vermont in March.

Backtracking a bit, I missed a lot of January birthdays! Apologies and nonetheless heartfelt wishes to **Julian Mendel** on January 13, to **Bridget Mendel** on January 15, to **Jareka Dempsey** on January 16, to **Gabe Small** on January 24, and to **Eric Craven** on January 25. Also, Happy Anniversary to **Rod** and **Jeri Palmer**, who celebrated their 25th on January 23. Moving on to February, Happy Birthday to **Mark Makuc** on February 2, to **John Mulroy** and **Gabrielle Ross-Logsdon** on February 6, to "Old" **Mike Mielke** on February 7, to **Jack Jefferson** and **Lanny Lanoue** on February 14, to **Dave Gauthier** on February 15, to **Maryellen Brown** on February 16, to **Kimberly Gero** and **James Hall** on February 18, to **Maggie Clawson** on February 22, to **Mark Amstead** on February 26, and, last but not least to our leap year kid, **Shaen O'Connor** on February 29!! Also, Happy 30th Anniversary to **Don** and **Pat Amstead** on February 27.

Talented artists **John Mulroy** and **Gabe Small** were winners in an Herb Drawing Contest sponsored by the *Parsley-Sage Quarterly Review*. We share with you their imaginative renditions. Congratulations, both of you!

Like to receive your news items! Again, please jot down any little tidbit and drop it at the General Store, in the mail to me, Route 23, or give me a call evenings at 528-4519.

— Stephanie Grotz

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NIGHT SKIES

All month the evening star in the west will be Jupiter and the much brighter morning star in the east will be Venus. Venus will be closely attended by Saturn and Mars, off to her right. The association of Venus and Mars, beauty and bravery, is hallowed in Latin mythology; both deities were ancestors of the Romans.

Venus was the mother of Aeneas, who escaped from the fall of Troy and journeyed east, under divine guidance, and eventually founded the city of Lavinium on the Tiber River. According to one legend, however, he named the city for the heroic Trojan woman, Roma, who led the attack on the Greek fleet that nearly turned the tide of the war.

Mars was the father of Romulus and Remus. Their mother had been forced to become a Vestal Virgin by her uncle. She was of the royal line in the city of Alba Longa ruled by Aeneas' descendants, and her usurping uncle did not want her to have children who could challenge his claim to the throne. When she had the twins by their divine father, the furious uncle tried to have her, and them, put to death. As we all know, the boys were raised by a wolf, then sheltered by shepherds, and eventually came to found another Roma on the Tiber, this time named for Romulus.

How nice for the Romans to be able to look up and know that they have divine kinfolk in the sky. It shows how locked into our classical European past we are that we have not had the gumption to rename the stars and planets for our own deities, heroines, and heroes.

— David P. McAllester

PLANNING BOARD NEWS

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Offices to discuss a proposed amendment to the Zoning Bylaw. The proposal is a section, called "Stream and Pond Protection," which would establish setbacks from streams and ponds for septic leaching systems (150 feet) and for new dwellings (75 feet) on lots created after the passage of the Bylaw. We hope that all citizens with interest in or questions about this Bylaw will be able to attend this discussion. The Bylaw amendment will appear as an article on the warrant at the Annual Town Meeting in May.

In other business at its meeting on February 8, the Board accepted five Form A applications and met with Matt Williams and partners and consultants concerning their proposed change in the multifamily use of Lee Side Lodge. We also met with David Dempsey concerning his building permit application for a lot near Pixley Road (Route 57).

— Joe Baker, Chairman

MONTEREY SUMMER FESTIVAL

July 14, 1990: *Monterey's Carnival of the Animals*—or do you have another name for our summer festival? This year, we're going to focus on kids and their live pets, their stuffed toy animals and/or their animal costumes. There'll be a parade of all of the above (call Ellen Pearson, 528-1988), contests (every 15 minutes?) of the fuzziest, the skinniest, the polka-dottiest, the slimiest, etc., etc. (call Bev Zinn, 269-4695), yummy food (call Milly Walsh, 528-4257), all-day games for kids (and adults?) by Camp Half Moon counselors (call Ed Mann, 528-0840), booths of vendors and craftspeople (call Donna Bartell, 528-5874), and the day begins with Monterey's Road Race (call Bob Gauthier, 528-1624).

We're even going to try to have a family concert on Friday evening, July 13. *Our next meeting to help plan all of this is Tuesday, March 13, 7:30 p.m., in the church basement.* Please give a call to the person coordinating an area in which you want to help. The festival's success depends on participation and support from a lot of folks. How do you want to help?

— Donna Bartell



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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Has anyone thought of proposing a flat daily fee to well-intentioned transients wishing to dispose of their garbage? That might solve the problem Joyce Scheffey spoke of.

— Walter A. Andersen

MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange No. 291 met on February 21. The theme of the program was famous birthdays. There was a cherry baking contest in which the winners were Tillie Butler, Margaret Holohan, Mary Wallace, Alice Shaffer, Josephine Vronsky, and Ann Vickerman. The judges were May Clark, Vernett Smith, and Betty Wilber.

Tillie Butler and Mary Wallace will take part at the Exemplification of the 4th Degree at Pittsfield on March 3.

The next meeting will be March 21. The program will be on Women's Activities in the Grange.

— Mary Wallace
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Walter A. Andersen

Pine tree in Hen Wood Cemetery broken by an early February wind-storm. Several gravestones were damaged.

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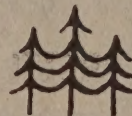
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Gould Farm buckets, 1986



Scutellaros' Happy Home Syrup, 1985

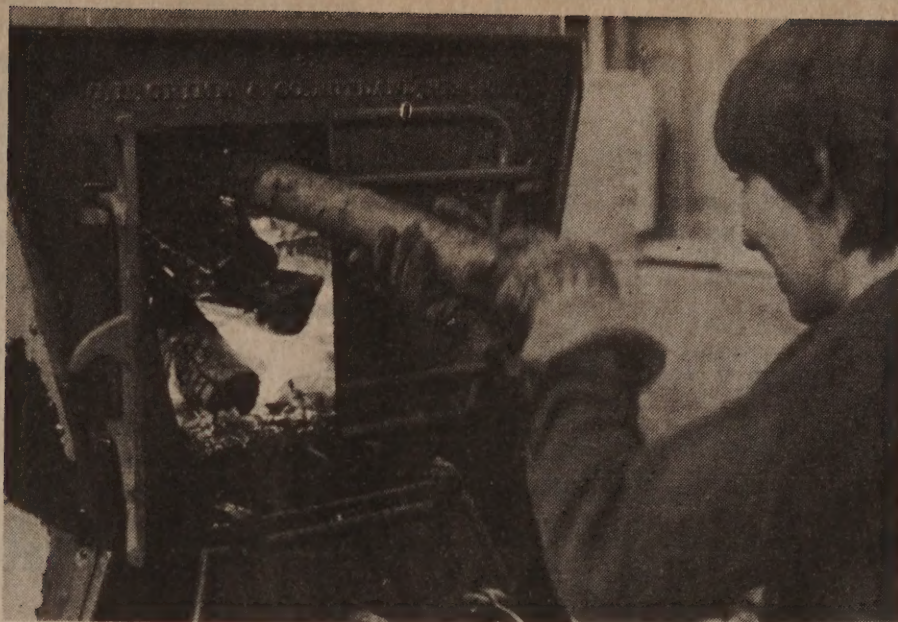
Monterey Maple Syrup



Baker and McAllester's Monterey Maple, 1982



Roger Tryon of Berkshire Maple Products, 1985



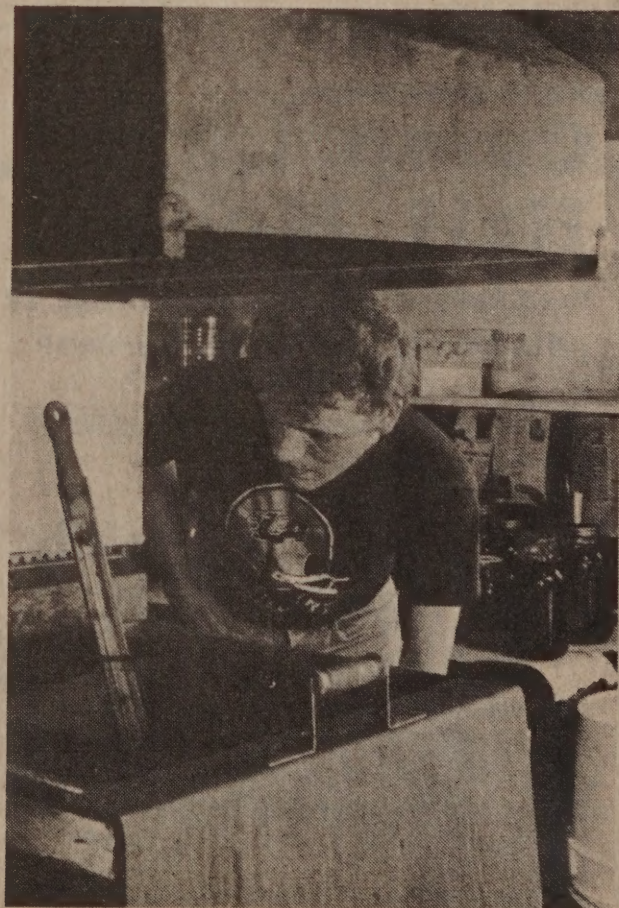
Bonner McAllester stoking the Grimm Evaporator, 1982

Enterprises of the 1980s

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Claude Burke and Dick Tryon collecting sap, 1986



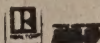
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MARCH IN THE BERKSHIRES

*While chill north winds wail down the chimney flue
And everything is blanketed in white
We watch the clouds play tag across the blue.
At end of day the sky's majestic hue
An artist would delight.*

*Soon now will come the long awaited spring.
The snow will disappear and green grass grow,
Across the fields the songs of birds will ring
The air no more will have its frosty sting
And streams will swiftly flow.*

*Small crocusses will lift their faces bright
Though snow still lingers on the wooded hill.
Young cowslip leaves unfold in morning light.
And peepers' chorused voices greet the night
When all around is still.*

— Eleanor Kimberley



PINES IN THEIR THICKETS

*Broad-shouldered pines,
Heavy, swart, in their thickets of grey
Deciduous neighbors,
Lift their bulk against the February sky.
They say crows
May enter here, take shelter; they say
The lesser, brighter folk
Belong in the stiff bare branches below,
To put some life in
The thin-blooded trees
That could not keep their leaves.*

— David P. McAllester



WINTER CRUMBLES

*The rebarbative ice-beards
Blue-rinsed, ponderous,
Jutting from every flinty ledge,
How quickly they slump and tumble,
Impuissant, in a warm spell,
Brought to heel by a soft rain,
Humbled by the hint of spring*

— David P. McAllester



PASSAGE WITH PADDLE

*As if, in a season of scant rain we threaded a channel
on a dropping stream
scraping gravel, poking
past rocks
bored with this delicate passage*

*bored, yes, and worn with wind
whirled up from cornfields—dry
wind powdering pale leafage of bordering boskage—
dirty wind filming the water*

*making journey, oh grand ennui,
at the wan end of summer on a
diminished river in a season of torrents
a season of sunsets flashing through lashings
of cloudbursts, yet the water
indifferently dropping*

*As if this metaphor, though sterile & wretched
yet gravid with grief, riddle-infected,
had caught us up in its current
at wan end of summer—ourselves
the riddle easily solved—
and rode us toward a pooling*

*Yes, I am scared of offending
the truth, and for her pretty and terrible sake
am obliged to say that remnant
waters do gather in a small lake
in a month of splendid trees and calm cold mornings*

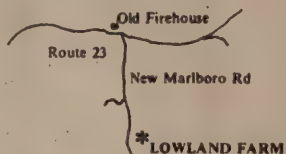
*Later, you know, we would resume our voyage
Later, you know, the dry falls*

— Jim Michelman



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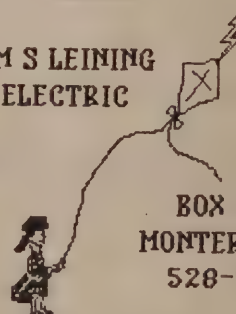
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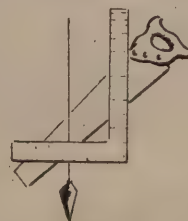
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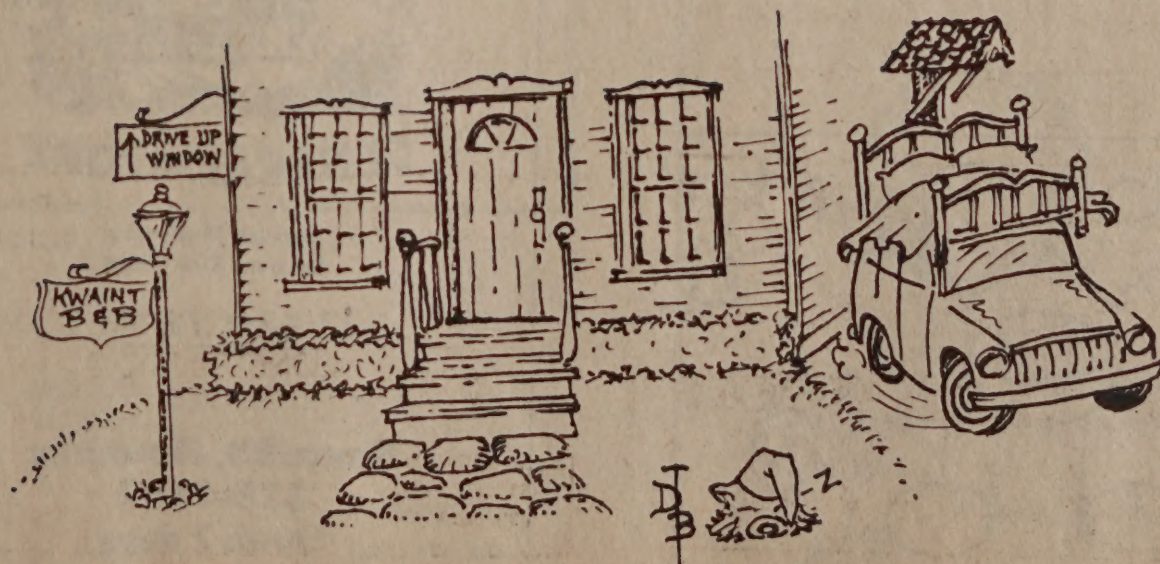
Children's Health Program with the cooperation of Bea Care is sponsoring a six-session parenting course, "Active Parenting," beginning March 6, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Bea Care on South Main Street, Great Barrington. The fee (\$30.00 for six sessions) will be charged to cover the cost of a parent handbook and workbook, as well as expenses that Children's Health Program has accrued for the cost of the video-based program and leader training. Parent to Parent volunteers and parent-child playgroup leaders may take the course at a reduced fee of \$15.00. Scholarships are available. Topics to be covered are as follows: March 6—The Active Parent, March 13—Understanding Your Child, March 20—Instilling Courage, March 27—Developing Responsibility, April 3—Winning Cooperation, April 10—The Cooperative Family in Action. Leaders for the course are Claudette Callahan and Ann Barrett, both of whom have completed the leadership training course. Please call Claudette at 528-9311 for more information and to register.

Many thanks to all who donated to the Kabin Fever Bake and Book Sale at Ames Department Store in February. We realized \$260.00, which will help defray playgroup expenses.

The Child Interview Room at the Children's Health Program is completed. The Citizens Against Child Abuse Committee raised funds to create such spaces in north, central and south county. Please support the fund-raising musical, *Doo-ah Days*, to be presented at Monument Mountain High School on March 3, 7:30 p.m. Donation is \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at CHP. Half of the proceeds will benefit the Children's Health Program.

Children's Health Program will sponsor a St. Patrick's Day Party at the Youth Center, Bridge Street, Great Barrington, March 16, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. Parents and children are invited, free of charge.

— Claudette Callahan



DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE

The Democratic Party of the Town of Monterey met in caucus on February 3, to elect delegates to the State Democratic Convention to be held at Springfield on June 1 and 2. Delegates chosen were John Higgins and Cherie Prescott; the alternates are Robert Gauthier and Joyce Scheffey.

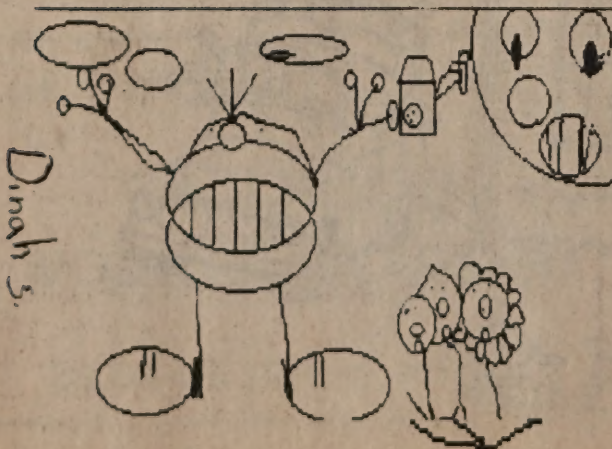
A Town Committee meeting followed the caucus. At the meeting the following were elected to membership of the Democratic Town Committee: Donna Bartell, Joyce Scheffey, Fred and Lucie Lancome, and Robert Gauthier. There was some discussion of the state of the Town Committee's finances: the treasury is very low. We are considering having some sort of fund-raising event for the party, but nothing definite is planned as yet. In the meantime, any extra funds you may have floating around would find a welcome in the Democratic coffers. Every dollar (literally!) counts.

The Town Committee established a Nominating Committee for candidates to be elected for Town offices at the Town Meeting in May. Any Democrat interested in running for office should get in touch with Gige O'Connell, Cherie Prescott, Cynthia Weber or Joyce Scheffey.

The next meeting of the Democratic Town Committee will be on Sunday, March 18, at the house of Gige O'Connell at 3:00 p.m., to review the recommendations of the Nominating Committee. Town Committee members should plan to attend: it is not good for the party or the Town if decisions continue to be made by only a few of us.

The general membership of the Democratic Party of the Town of Monterey will meet in caucus on Saturday, March 24, at the Monterey Firehouse, Main Road, to nominate candidates for the various Town offices to be voted for at the Annual Town Meeting to be held on Saturday, May 6, 1990. Chairman Matt Williams will call the caucus to order at 10 a.m. All registered Democrats in the Town of Monterey are requested to attend.

— John Higgins,
Secretary, Democratic Town Committee



REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE NEWS

The nominating committee has met and is hard at work on a slate for our upcoming local elections. As of now we have not found anyone willing to run for selectman. If you know someone who is qualified, please tell us or talk to that person yourself. Anyone interested should call 528-1382 or 528-0150. Anyone interested in any of the positions up for election should write a letter to the Town Committee requesting our consideration at our March 8 Committee meeting. The final deadline for a nomination from the Republicans will be at our March 17 caucus at 1:30 p.m. All Republicans are invited to come and vote on our slate at that time. This looks to be an exciting election year — anyone interested in working for Republican candidates in the state elections should call the numbers listed above or get in touch with someone on the Committee.

— Mark Makuc


ANNE M. HURLEY

Miss Anne M. Hurley, who spent part or all of every summer with the Clark family at Mary and Paul Thorn's Bracken Brae Farm, died in Carmel, New York, on December 20, her 89th birthday.

DOG AND CAT CLINIC

A dog and cat clinic for inoculation against rabies will be offered at the firehouse March 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The cost is \$8.00 per shot. Licenses may be obtained at the same time.

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CALENDAR

Thursday, March 1—Planning Board, public hearing on proposed zoning amendments, in the Town Offices at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, March 5—Library reading and discussion program: *Epic of Gilgamesh*, at 7:00 p.m., led by Prof. Marion Copeland of Holyoke Community College. Partially funded by the Massachusetts Foundation for Humanities and Public Policy.

Saturday, March 10—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults \$4, children \$1 to dance until intermission. Information: 413-528-9385 or 518-329-7578.

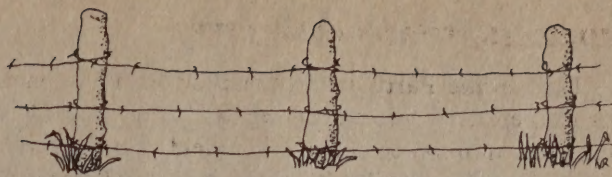
Monday, March 12—Library reading and discussion program: *The Odyssey*, by Homer, led by Prof. George Dimock of Smith College, at 7:00 p.m. Partially funded by the Massachusetts Foundation for Humanities and Public Policy.

Tuesday, March 13—Monterey Summer Festival planning meeting in the church basement, 7:30 p.m. See details elsewhere in this issue.

Wednesday, March 14—Community Dinner, 6:30 p.m. in the church basement. David Bach will speak on "The Meaning of Dreams"; he has presented numerous dream workshops around the country. Bring a casserole and enjoy the special treats your neighbors will be bringing, too.

Saturday, March 17—Republican Party caucus, 1:30 p.m. at the firehouse, to nominate candidates for the May 6 Town election. All registered Republicans are urged to attend.

Monday, March 19—Library reading and discussion program: *Antigone*, by Sophocles, led by John Higgins of The Gilbert School, at 7:00 p.m. Partially funded by the Mass-



achusetts Foundation for Humanities and Public Policy.

Wednesday, March 21—Daffodil pickups at the General Store, for those who have ordered daffodils for the benefit of the American Cancer Society. See page 16 for details.

Wednesday, March 21—Arts Council meeting at 7:30 p.m. in the church basement. Everyone is invited to come and have a say in how the Council should be supporting the arts in Monterey.

Saturday, March 24—Democratic Party caucus, 10:00 a.m., at the firehouse, to nominate candidates for the May 6 Town election. All registered Democrats are urged to attend.

Saturday, March 24—Sixth Annual Maple Sugar Moon Dance, square and contra, New England-style. This is a party; everyone is welcome. Music by Mountain Laurel, calling by Pat Rust and Joe Baker. Special entertainment at intermission, featuring the return (yet again) of Mabel and Moon, songs and homemade refreshments included in the price of admission. Cookies, cakes, beverages, and Famous Maple Parfait. From 8:00 p.m. to past midnight at Sheffield Grange. Adults \$7, children \$3. For other information, see March 10 calendar item, above.

Monday, March 26—Library reading and discussion program, *St. Joan*, by George Bernard Shaw, led by Prof. Richard Nunley of Berkshire Community College. 7:00 p.m. at the Library. Partially funded by the Massachusetts Foundation for Humanities and Public Policy.



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Warrants will also be available at the Town Office one week prior to the meetings. Also, copies will be on hand at the meetings.

— Maryellen Brown
Town Office Secretary

DAFFODILS

Daffodils, fresh and in tight bud, are being sold for the benefit of the American Cancer Society: four dollars for ten blossoms. To order, call Fran Amidon before March fifth: 528-1233. The flowers will be delivered to the General Store for pickup there on March 21.

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Two-inch business cards (2" x 3 3/8")	5.00
Three-inch ad (3" x 3 3/8")	7.50
Four-inch ad (4" x 3 3/8")	10.00

Back cover ads are double the above prices. No classifieds on the back cover. Copy should reach the editor by the 20th of the month before publication. In general, we cannot run letters more than one column in length.

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